

1 AN ACT concerning fees.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Clerks of Courts Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 27.3a as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 105/27.3a) (from Ch. 25, par. 27.3a)

7 Sec. 27.3a. Fees for automated record keeping.

8 1. The expense of establishing and maintaining automated  
9 record keeping systems in the offices of the clerks of the  
10 circuit court shall be borne by the county. To defray that  
11 such expense in any county having established such an  
12 automated system or which elects to establish such a system,  
13 the county board may require the clerk of the circuit court  
14 in their county to charge and collect a court automation fee  
15 of not less than \$1 nor more than \$5 to be charged and  
16 collected by the clerk of the court. Such fee shall be paid  
17 at the time of filing the first pleading, paper or other  
18 appearance filed by each party in all civil cases or by the  
19 defendant in any felony, traffic, misdemeanor, municipal  
20 ordinance, or conservation case upon a judgment of guilty or  
21 grant of supervision, provided that the record keeping system  
22 which processes the case category for which the fee is  
23 charged is automated or has been approved for automation by  
24 the county board, and provided further that no additional fee  
25 shall be required if more than one party is presented in a  
26 single pleading, paper or other appearance. Such fee shall  
27 be collected in the manner in which all other fees or costs  
28 are collected.

29 2. Each clerk shall commence such charges and  
30 collections upon receipt of written notice from the chairman  
31 of the county board together with a certified copy of the

1 board's resolution, which the clerk shall file of record in  
2 his office.

3 3. Such fees shall be in addition to all other fees and  
4 charges of such clerks, and assessable as costs, and may be  
5 waived only if the judge specifically provides for the waiver  
6 of the court automation fee. The fees shall be remitted  
7 monthly by such clerk to the county treasurer, to be retained  
8 by him in a special fund designated as the court automation  
9 fund. The fund shall be audited by the county auditor, and  
10 the board shall make expenditure from the fund in payment of  
11 any cost related to the automation of court records,  
12 including hardware, software, research and development costs  
13 and personnel related thereto, provided that the expenditure  
14 is approved by the clerk of the court and by the chief judge  
15 of the circuit court or his designate.

16 4. Such fees shall not be charged in any matter coming  
17 to any such clerk on change of venue, nor in any proceeding  
18 to review the decision of any administrative officer, agency  
19 or body.

20 (Source: P.A. 87-669; 87-670; 87-671; 87-838; 87-1230.)